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STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS STAFF REPORT ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

96th General Assembly

SENATE BILL 1581 - Senator Deanna Demuzio

PROPOSAL

Senate Bill 1581 amends the State Employees' Article of the Pension Code to provide the alternative formula to certain Central Management Services automotive shop supervisors.

COMMENT

Senate Bill 1581 amends the State Employees' Article of the Pension Code to provide the alternative formula to certain Central Management Services automotive shop supervisors. The bill specifies that the person must be employed on a full-time basis by CMS in a State garage and have direct contact with committed persons in the performance of his or her job duties.

The number of SERS members who would be affected by SB 1581 is expected to be very small. The SERS alternative formula generally provides a higher retirement benefit and lower retirement ages.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that we oppose Senate Bill 1581.